

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT: Boyce D. Burts, Jr. § EXAMINER: L. Cross

FILED: April 22, 1999 § ART UNIT NO.: 1721

SERIAL NO.: 09/296,217 §

TITLE: *Conformance Improvement* §
Additive, Conformance Treatment §
Fluid Made Therefrom, Method §
of Improving Conformance in a §
Subterranean Formation §

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 23267/15D1

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 21, 1999

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 21, 1999, the following Amendments and
Remarks are respectfully submitted.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) The additive of claim 3 wherein the hydrophobic fibers comprise at least one selected from the group of hydrophobic fibers consisting [essentially] of nylon, rayon, and hydrocarbon fibers, and wherein the hydrophilic fibers comprise at least one selected from the group of hydrophilic fibers consisting [essentially] of glass, cellulose, carbon, silicon, graphite, calcined petroleum coke, and cotton fibers.